Bulletin #2011-007 1 – October - 2011

Subject:
Head and neck restraint inspections

Overview:
Effective 1/1/2012, the following rule change will go into effect:

Replace Article 5.1.C with the following:

C. Head and neck restraint systems are required for all Rally America events. These systems shall be mounted per the manufacturer's recommendations. The head and neck restraint system must meet at least one of the following:

1. Certified to FIA 8858-2002.
2. Certified to FIA 8858-2010.
3. SFI 38.1 licensed. SFI 38.1 licensing requires a SFI 38.1 conformance label that is less than five years old.

Rationale:
On September 23, 2011, the SFI Foundation Inc., announced that effective January 1, 2012, SFI 38.1 licensed devices are required to be inspected every five years by their respective manufacturers. If the unit is determined by the manufacturer to be acceptable for continued service and in compliance with the current version of the specification, the original manufacturer shall place on the product a new SFI 38.1 conformance label marked with the inspection date.

This rule change will primarily affect users of older HANS devices that were built before any certification existed and retro-certified by SFI more than five years ago, and non-HANS SFI 38.1 devices that are more than five years old.

Questions regarding this bulletin received by Rally America from licensed Drivers and Co-Drivers will be answered in writing.